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SUBJECT: MOSCOW LECTURER DISCUSSES TRADE BILL AND

U.S.-SOVIET RELATIONS

1. EMBOFF ATTENDED JANUARY 8 LECTURE AT LOCAL HOUSING OFFICE HALL ("ZHEK") DURING WHICH LECTURER COVERED NUMBER OF CURRENT FOREIGN POLICY QUESTIONS. SUBSTANCE OF LECTURE UNDOUBTEDLY FOLLOWED LINE BEING LTAKEN BY PARTY PROPAGANDISTS AT THOUSANDS OF SUCH LECTURE HALLS AROUND COUNTRY. PORTION ON U.S.-SOVIET RELATIONS REPORTED HERE WITH BALANCE TO FOLLOW IN AIRGRAM. INTERESTINGLY, LECTURER APPEARED TO LEAVE THE DOOR OPEN FOR A COMPROMISE ON EMIGRATION.

2. STRESSING THAT POLITICS AND ECONOMICS WERE DIFFICULT TO SEPARATE (ALTHOUGH HE REATLY DID SO IN DISCUSSION OF TRADE WITH COUNTRIES LIKE SPAIN), LECTURER SAID THAT "ENORMOUS" ADVANCES HAD BEEN MADE IN POLITICAL RELATIONS BETWEEN U.S.S.R. AND U.S., BUT THAT ECONOMIC SIDE WAS LESS FAVORABLE. LECTURER DESCRIBED LEND LEASE IN GENERAL TERMS SAYING THAT U.S. HAD PROVIDED USSR WITH "11 BILLION DOLLARS"

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WORTH OF ASSISTANCE DURING WW II, MOST OF WHCIH HAD

BEEN CONSUMED IN WAR EFFORT. HE INDICATED THAT SOVIET UNION FELT NO NEED TO MAKE REPAYMENT BECAUSE OF ITS LOSS OF 20 MILLION LIVED DURING WAR, BUT SAID THAT REPAYMENT OF 722 MILLION DOLLARS TO U.S. OVER PERIOD OF THIRTY YEARS HAD BEEN AGREED TO DURING PRESIDENT NIXON'S FIRST VISIT "IN EXCHANGE" FOR PROMISE THAT SOVIET UNION WOULD OBTAIN MOST-FAVORED-NATION TREATMENT AND MAJOR CREDITS.

3. LECTURER STATED THAT NIXON "SHREWDLY" PUT MFN AND CREDITS PROVISIONS INTO TRADE BILL ON ACCEPT-OR-REJECT BASIS, HOPING THAT GENERAL IMPORTANCE OF LAW FOR U.S. TRADE WOULD CARRY THE BILL THROUGH CONGRESS, BUT THAT "JEWISH OLBBY" (WHICH HE SAID WAS U.S. TERMINOLOGY, NOT SOVIET) HAD "EVEN MORE SHREWDLY" GONE FROM COMMITTEE TO COMMITTEE IN CONGRESS TO CONVINCE LEGISLATORS TO ATTACH DISCRIMINATORY AMENDMENTS TO BILL. LECTURER SPOKE OUTRIGHT OF SOVIET JEWISH EMIGRATION (WHICH SOVIET PRESS HAS NOT DONE) AND SAID SOVIET POSITION WAS MADE CLEAR BY RELEASE OF TASS STATEMENT AND GROMYKO LETTER. HE DECLARED "WE WILL NEVER ACCEPT INTERFERENCE IN OUR INTERNAL AFFAIRS," AND NOTED SARCASTICALLY THAT MFN WAS PRESUMABLY TO BE GRANTED TO SOVIET UNION FOR 18 MONTHS, DURING WHICH TIME CONGRESS WAS GOING "TO KEEP A CLOSE WATCH" ON JEWISH EMIGRATION. LECTURER SAID "WE HAVE TOLD THEM" THAT DESIRE FOR EMIGRATION IS FALLING RAPIDLY AMONG JEWS BECAUSE OF SERIOUS ECONOMIC PROBLEMS IN ISRAEL AND COMPARED 1973 FIGURES OF "AROUND 30,000" EMIGRANTS WITH 1974 FIGURE OF "AROUND 20,000."

4. LECTURER DESCRIBED MFN AND CREDITS RESTRICTIONS, CALLING LATTER "EVEN MORE IMPORTANT" FOR FUTURE OF TRADE, AND TERMING \$300 MILLION DOLLAR CEILING AS "MEAGER" (MISERNIY). IMPORTANCE OF GRANTING MFN TO SOVIET UNION CONNECTED WITH CLAIM THAT MOST SOVIET PRODUCTS (VODKA, YAK-40 AIRPLANES, RECORDINGS) WERE TAXED AT RATE "FOUR OR FIVE TIMES AS HIGH" AS THOSE APPLYING TO PRODUCTS FROM CAPITALIST COUNTRIES.

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5. DESPITE IMPLICATION THAT SOVIET UNION COULD NOT ACCEPT TERMS OF TRADE BILL, LECTURER ENDED PORTION OF SPEECH DEVOTED TO U.S.-SOVIET RELATIONS BY SAYING THAT "EVEN JACKSON" UNDERSTOOD THE IMPORTANCE OF THE SITUATION AND THAT THINGS COULD PROBABLY BE WORKED OUT THROUGH SOME SORT OF "COMPROMISE." (HE SAID THIS IN OFF-HAND WAY WITHOUT MAKING A PARTICULAR POINT OF IT.) HE ALSO STATED THAT IF THERE WERE A "FREEZING" OF U.S.-SOVIET TRADE, THE

SOVIET UNION COULD EASILY "BUY EVERYTHING WE NEED"  
FROM COUNTRIES SUCH AS FRANCE AND GERMANY.  
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